

Black Programs, Deep Black World

There are three basic types of SAPs:

1. Acquisition (AQ-SAP)
2. Operations and Support (OS-SAP)
3. Intelligence (IN-SAP)

With each group are two major classes - acknowledged and unacknowledged.

SAP Oversight Committee (SAPOC):

Is responsible for approving new SAPs and changing their status; receiving reports on their status; and, among other things, making sure that SAPs do not overlap with each other. The SAPOC co-ordinates the reporting of SAPs to Congress. Whether SAPs are acknowledged or not, they normally report to four Congressional committees - the House National Security Committee, the Senate Armed services Committee, and the defense subcommittees of the House and senate Appropriations Committees in closed, classified sessions.

Unacknowledged Special Access Programs (USAPs):

A category of deep black, illegal projects within the military, intelligence and corporate world. A program that is considered so sensitive that the fact of its existence is a core secret. The existence of an unacknowledged SAP, or an unacknowledged portion of an acknowledged SAP will be made known only to those personnel properly authorized to receive the information.

Waived:

Not regulated by normal management and oversight protocols. Unacknowledged SAPs that are not reported to full Congressional committees. At the Secretary of Defense's discretion, the reporting requirements may be waived, Only eight individuals - the chair and ranking minority member of each of the four defense committees (the House National Security Committee, the Senate Armed services Committee, and the defense subcommittees of the House and senate Appropriations Committees) - are notified of the decision. This notification may be made orally only.

Waived SAP:

One of three levels of SAP protection. Are the blackest of black programs. You can accurately speculate that this would be in the realm of UFO's and extraterrestrial technology.

White Programs:

Normal classification system or unclassified programs.

Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI):

Shadowy projects that hide within the vast bureaucracy of government, military intelligence, corporate, laboratory and institute operations in the U.S. and abroad - compartmented away (specially protected information within the various compartments) from the public, the Congress and usually even the President, CIA Director and Secretary of Defense. Outside the normal confidential/secret/top secret system.

The intelligence community classifies much of its product as Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).

Top Secret:

Information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. (13/ p.339)

Earmarks: US a congressional directive that funds should be spent on a specific project.